

GreenSweep Saturday Workdays



GreenSweep gets people involved in the restoration and management of Florida Keys natural areas. And goodness knows they need your help! So please set some time aside on the FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, from 9 a.m. to noon, to grab a friend or family member, pull on your work gloves (or borrow ours) and lend a hand.

FOR MORE INFO CALL THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AT 745-8402

November 1st **Garden Cove County Park – N. Key Largo**

Bordered by conservation lands, Monroe County's Garden Cove Park is a natural area in dire need of some TLC. Pitch in for some invasive exotic plant removal to help stop the spread of these giant weeds and make room for beneficial natives.

December 6th **Big Pine Key Fire Hazard Reduction**

The pine forest and wildlife on Big Pine Key may be used to fire (they even depend on it) but resident's homes are not. Help reduce the threat of harmful wildfires and prepare for helpful prescribed burns by thinning out overgrown vegetation in one of the island's most fire-prone neighborhoods.

January 10th **Blue Heron Hammock, Marathon**

Killing trees (invasive exotics) to create habitat! Help out newly designated Florida Keys Wildlife and Environmental Areas by assisting with invasive exotic removal and debris clean-up. The one-man team of Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission will talk about how many acres Florida citizens have saved through this proactive program.

February 7th **Sea Oats Beach, Isl**

Shoring up the locals shore! Sea Oats Beach, a spot frequented by many Monroe County residents, is under attack by Brazilian pepper. Help us take back this popular Lower Matecumbe beach so the sea turtles can nest!

March 6th **Big Pine Key Fire Hazard Reduction**

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April 3rd **Boot Key, Marathon**

This workday is for the birds! Although Boot Key has no human inhabitants, it is an important hang out for birds who need native vegetation. Help The Nature Conservancy and Marathon Wild Bird Center increase habitat for native wildlife.

May 1st **Boca Chica Beach**

Another Beach Bash! Boca Chica Beach, a spot frequented by many Monroe County residents, is under attack by an invasive exotic shrub known as Asiatic Colubrina. Help us take back this County beach!

June 5th **Little Hamaca Planting, Key West**

Not just winging it, the White-crowned pigeon planting project at Little Hamaca Park is primed for success. Help plant specifically selected trees which provide important fruits for this threatened local bird. Learn landscaping tips from the Key West Landscaping Dept and then rest under the shade of past plantings. Special birding tour for early risers!